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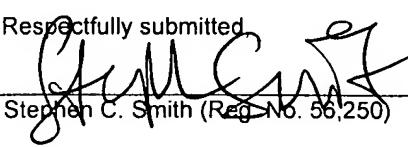
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
5,078,761	01/1992	Dyson
6,058,559	05/2000	Yoshimi et al.
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GB 2 128 075 A	04/1984	United Kingdom
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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Pending patent application U.S. Serial No. 11/187,414, filed July 22, 2005, 23 pages.
Pending patent application U.S. Serial No. 11/217,584, filed August 31, 2005, 17 pages.
Pending patent application U.S. Serial No. 29/240,051, filed October 7, 2005, 6 pages.
Pending patent application U.S. Serial No. 29/240,115, filed October 7, 2005, 6 pages.
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Pending patent application U.S. Serial No. 11/329,194, filed January 10, 2006, 23 pages.
Pending patent application U.S. Serial No. 11/375,722, filed March 15, 2006, 16 pages.

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

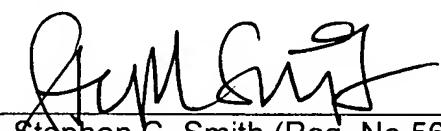
The Examiner's attention is also directed to the unpublished copending U.S. patent applications (a copy of which is not being furnished herewith, pursuant to the Commissioner's Notice dated September 21, 2004).

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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	B4	GB 2 128 075 A	04/1984	United Kingdom		
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